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September 10, 2008

TO: Members of the Regional Council Executive Committee

FROM: Mayor Mary Manross, City of Scottsdale, Chair

SUBJECT: REVISED - MEETING NOTIFICATION AND TRANSMITTAL OF TENTATIVE AGENDA FOR THE MEETING OF THE MAG REGIONAL COUNCIL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Monday, September 15, 2008 - Noon
MAG Office, Suite 200 - Cholla Room
302 North 1st Avenue, Phoenix

A meeting of the MAG Regional Council Executive Committee has been scheduled for the time and place noted above. Members of the Committee may attend the meeting either in person, by telephone conference, or by video conference.

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If you have any questions regarding the Executive Committee agenda items, please contact Mayor Mary Manross at (480) 312-2433. For MAG staff, please contact Dennis Smith, MAG Executive Director, at (602) 254-6300.

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REGIONAL COUNCIL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
AGENDA

	<u>COMMITTEE ACTION REQUESTED</u>
1. <u>Call to Order</u> The meeting of the MAG Regional Council Executive Committee will be called to order.	
2. <u>Call to the Audience</u> An opportunity will be provided to members of the public to address the Regional Council Executive Committee on items not scheduled on the agenda that fall under the jurisdiction of MAG, or on items on the agenda for discussion but not for action. Members of the public will be requested not to exceed a three minute time period for their comments. A total of 15 minutes will be provided for the Call to the Audience agenda item, unless the Regional Council Executive Committee requests an exception to this limit. Please note that those wishing to comment on action agenda items will be given an opportunity at the time the item is heard.	2. Information and discussion.
3. <u>Approval of Regional Council Executive Committee Consent Agenda</u> Prior to action on the consent agenda, members of the audience will be provided an opportunity to comment on consent items that are being presented for action. Following the comment period, Executive Committee members may request that an item be removed from the consent agenda. Consent items are marked with an asterisk (*).	3. Approval of the Regional Council Executive Committee Consent Agenda.

ITEMS PROPOSED FOR CONSENT*
BY THE REGIONAL COUNCIL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

*3A. <u>Approval of the July 21, 2008, Regional Council Executive Committee Meeting Minutes</u>	3A. Review and approve the July 21, 2008, Regional Council Executive Committee meeting minutes.
*3B. <u>Consultant Selection for MAG Transportation Database GIS System Phase II</u> The FY 2008 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget, approved by the MAG Regional Council in May 2007, includes the development of the second phase of the	3B. Approve that Midwestern Software Solutions be selected to conduct the development of the MAG Transportation Database GIS System Phase II for an amount not to exceed \$250,000; if negotiations with Midwestern Software Solutions are not successful, that MAG negotiate with the evaluation

MAG Transportation Database Geographic Information System (GIS). A request for proposals (RFP) to conduct the project was advertised on May 15, 2008. Proposals were received from eight consulting firms. A multi-agency evaluation team reviewed and ranked the proposals and recommended to MAG that Midwestern Software Solutions be selected to conduct the project in an amount not to exceed \$250,000; if negotiations with Midwestern Software Solutions are not successful, that MAG negotiate with the evaluation team's second choice, Jacobs Engineering Group Inc., to conduct the project. This item is on the September 10, 2008 Management Committee agenda. Please refer to the enclosed material.

team's second choice, Jacobs Engineering Group Inc., to conduct the project.

*3C. Application Process for U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Stuart B. McKinney Funds for Homeless Assistance Programs

3C. Information.

On December 8, 1999, the Regional Council approved MAG becoming the responsible entity for a year-round homeless planning process which includes submittal of the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Stuart B. McKinney Continuum of Care Consolidated Application for the MAG region. The Continuum of Care grant supports permanent and transitional housing as well as supportive services. More than 50 homeless assistance applications were submitted to MAG on August 29, 2008. The Ranking and Review Committee is anticipated to make its recommendation for the new projects on September 15, 2008. The recommendation will be presented to the MAG Executive Committee for information and discussion on September 15, 2008. The MAG Continuum of Care Regional Committee on Homelessness is anticipated to approve the final application at the September 22, 2008, meeting. The final project list will be presented to the MAG Regional Council on September 24, 2008, for information. The final application will be submitted electronically to HUD on September 25, 2008. This item is on the September 10, 2008 Management Committee agenda. Please refer to the enclosed material.

**ITEMS TO BE HEARD
BY THE REGIONAL COUNCIL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

4. Amendment to the MAG FY 2009 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget to Provide Funding for Reconfiguration and Expansion of MAG Office Space

On July 23, 2008, the MAG Regional Council approved the Executive Committee's July 21, 2008 recommendation to direct staff to do the following: 1) Negotiate an approximate two and a half year extension of the current lease at the 302 N. 1st Avenue building, including the available space on the 1st floor of the building, with the lease including favorable early termination provisions that will allow MAG to pursue other long term rent-to-own, rent or own/build options in the downtown governmental corridor not specifying any specific property or precluding consideration of available buildings near the general downtown area such as the state capitol or north or south of the freeway; 2) Terminate the Memorandum of Cooperation upon satisfaction of all payment obligations and other appropriate agreements at 1st Avenue and McKinley.

Staff has communicated with the City of Phoenix Real Estate Division regarding extension of the current lease, including the available space on the first floor. Staff has developed an estimate for the reconfiguration and expansion of operations on the first and second floors of the 302 N. 1st Avenue building. It is necessary to amend the FY 2009 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget to include the funds to reconfigure and expand MAG office space.

4. Approval to amend the MAG FY 2009 Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget to provide funding for reconfiguration and expansion of MAG office space at an estimated cost of \$298,000.

5. MAG Regional Transit Framework Study

Since February 2008, MAG has been working on a Regional Transit Framework Study. The study will provide decision-makers with a comprehensive perspective on the costs, schedules, trade-offs, impacts, and policy implications of future transit investment options. MAG staff will outline the progress to date and the next steps in the study process. This item is on the September 10, 2008 Management

5. Information and discussion.

Committee agenda for information and discussion. Please refer to the enclosed material.

6. Census 2010 Update

April 1, 2010, is Census Day. It is important for member agencies to begin preparations to ensure an accurate count. The MAG Population Technical Advisory Committee (POPTAC) will perform the role of coordination for the 2010 Census. At the last POPTAC meeting, Census Bureau staff encouraged each member agency to create a Community Complete Count Committee to increase the questionnaire mail-back response rate. The Census Bureau also encouraged each member agency to create a proclamation that sends the community the message that community leaders and officials support and understand the importance of the 2010 Census. For Census 2000, the City of Phoenix coordinated the census advertising for print and broadcast media organizations, while MAG member agencies assisted with funding. The City of Phoenix has agreed to take the lead for the Census 2010 media and outreach campaign and anticipates asking member agencies for financial support. Member agencies are encouraged to begin discussions about budgeting for Census 2010 and the resources needed for a Complete Count Committee within each jurisdiction. Early planning for the decennial Census is necessary to be effective. An update on census efforts, including media outreach, funding/resources, and the technical geography programs will be provided. This item is on the September 10, 2008 Management Committee agenda for information and discussion. Please refer to the enclosed material.

7. MAG Policies and Procedures Update

At the May 19, 2008 MAG Regional Council Executive Committee meeting, a discussion was held regarding the development of a booklet that would outline the procedures and policies associated with MAG's various processes. Staff has begun developing an outline for the reference guide and will confirm with members of the Executive Committee regarding the content and direction of the project.

6. Information and discussion.

7. Information and discussion.

8. Best Practices Report on Sustainability

In the past several months, MAG member agencies have been addressing the issue of sustainability in their planning and operations. The Brundtland Commission coined the most often used definition of sustainable development as, "development that meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs." Sustainability applies to not only the environment but also the economy and the community. With this region's fast population growth it is important to consider the impact of our growth on the next generation's health and prosperity. To share the best practices regarding sustainability among the MAG member agencies, the possibility of forming a stakeholders group and developing a best practices report has been discussed. Discussion and possible support of this effort by the Executive Committee is requested.

9. Adjournment

8. Information, discussion and possible support for MAG forming a Sustainability Stakeholders Group to discuss best practices and develop a report to share the results.

MINUTES OF THE
MARICOPA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
MAG REGIONAL COUNCIL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

July 21, 2008

MAG Offices, Cholla Room
302 N. 1st Avenue, Phoenix, Arizona

MEMBERS ATTENDING

Mayor Mary Manross, Scottsdale, Chair	Mayor James M. Cavanaugh, Goodyear
Vice Mayor Peggy Neely, Phoenix, Vice Chair	Mayor Marie Lopez Rogers, Avondale
Mayor Thomas L. Schoaf, Litchfield Park, Treasurer	Mayor Steven M. Berman, Gilbert
Mayor Hugh Hallman, Tempe	

* Not present

Participated by video or telephone conference call

1. Call to Order

The Executive Committee meeting was called to order by Chair Mary Manross at 12:03 p.m. Chair Manross stated that public comment cards were available for those members of the public who wish to comment. She noted that transit tickets were available from Valley Metro for those using transit to come to the meeting. Parking validation was available from MAG staff for those who parked in the parking garage.

2. Call to the Audience

Chair Manross noted that, according to the MAG public comment process, members of the audience who wish to speak are requested to fill out the public comment cards and stated that there is a three-minute time limit. Public comment is provided at the beginning of the meeting for items that are not on the agenda that are within the jurisdiction of MAG, or non-action agenda items that are on the agenda for discussion or information only. Mayor Manross noted that one public comment card was received from Ms. Susan Siggy for item #5.

3. Consent Agenda

Chair Manross noted that prior to action on the consent agenda, members of the audience are provided an opportunity to comment on consent items that are being presented for action. Following the comment period, Committee members may request that an item be removed from the consent agenda. There were no public comment cards received.

Mayor Schoaf stated he had a question for item #3E. He asked for clarification if the salary of \$80,000 requested was for a six-month position.

Mr. Smith responded that the position would pay \$80,000 and that the prospective candidate possesses the technical knowledge and familiarity with the internal processes of the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) to assist MAG's member cities with their projects during the piloted six-month position.

Mayor Schoaf requested to hear item #3D separately.

Mayor Schoaf moved to approve items #3A through #3D on the consent agenda. Mayor Berman seconded the motion.

3A. Approval of the May 19, 2008 Regional Council Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

The Regional Council Executive Committee, by consent, approved the May 19, 2008, Regional Council Executive Committee meeting minutes.

3B. Consultant Selection for Phase II of the MAG Commuter Rail Strategic Planning Consulting Services Project: Grand Avenue Commuter Rail Corridor Development Plan

The Regional Council Executive Committee, by consent, approved the selection of URS Corporation to develop the Grand Avenue Commuter Rail Corridor Development Plan for an amount not to exceed \$600,000.

The FY 2009 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget, approved by the MAG Regional Council in May 2008, includes funding to prepare a Grand Avenue Commuter Rail Corridor Development Plan. Key project tasks include coordinating the study effort with BNSF Railway, evaluating current and future conditions, identifying operating and capital requirements, and defining financial requirements. The original Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for the MAG Commuter Rail Strategic Planning Consulting Services project was issued on July 14, 2006. The URS Corporation was selected to prepare the Commuter Rail Strategic Plan, which was accepted by the MAG Regional Council on April 23, 2008. As outlined in the RFQ, MAG reserved the right to retain the consultant selected for Phase I work for future phases of the overall project. However, as specified in the RFQ, future phases of the project were the subject of separate contracts to be authorized at a future date by MAG. The Grand Avenue Corridor was identified in the Commuter Rail Strategic Plan as the initial corridor to be studied by MAG. MAG developed a project scope of work and issued a project proposal request to URS Corporation on June 2, 2008. URS Corporation provided a response to the scope of work, which was reviewed by a multi-agency review team on June 20, 2008. The evaluation team recommended to MAG that URS Corporation be selected to develop the Grand Avenue Commuter Rail Corridor Development Plan for an amount not to exceed \$600,000. On the July 9, 2008, the MAG Management Committee, by consent, approved this item for action.

3C. Amendment to the FY 2009 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget to Accept Funding from the Virginia G. Piper Charitable Trust for the MAG Transportation Ambassador Program

The Regional Council Executive Committee, by consent, approved to amend the FY 2009 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget to accept \$20,000 from the Virginia G. Piper Charitable Trust for the MAG Transportation Ambassador Program.

On June 25, 2008, MAG was notified that the Virginia G. Piper Charitable Trust will grant MAG \$20,000 to support the implementation of the MAG Transportation Ambassador Program that was included in the FY 2009 MAG Unified Planning Work Program. On the July 9, 2008, the MAG Management Committee, by consent, approved this item for action.

3D. Amendment to the MAG FY 2009 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget to Provide Funding to ASU for a Light Rail Economic Impact Study

The Regional Council Executive Committee, by consent, approved to amend the MAG FY 2009 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget to hire the School of Planning at Arizona State University (ASU) to provide a Light Rail Economic Impact Study at a cost of \$24,852.10.

Light rail is one of the largest single infrastructure investments the Phoenix metropolitan area has ever made. Its impacts on the economy are of great interest to the cities, businesses and citizens it affects. To understand these impacts, MAG is proposing to hire the School of Planning at Arizona State University (ASU) at a cost of \$24,852.10. MAG approached the School of Planning and the Department of Finance and Real Estate at ASU as well as the University of North Texas, all of whom have expertise in economic impact studies. Only the School of Planning at ASU responded positively to the request for further information. ASU students, under direction from the faculty of the School of Planning, would collect the data required. Faculty would analyze it and provide advice to MAG. MAG federal funds would be used for this purpose. On the July 9, 2008, the MAG Management Committee, by consent, approved this item for action.

3E. Request to Amend the FY 2009 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget for a MAG Transportation Associate and Human Services Transportation Planner I

Mayor Schoaf asked what direct dollar benefit would come to MAG from the position being requested. ²⁾

Mr. Smith noted that MAG has had a history of an ongoing number of projects that are not completed through the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) process. He added that there is culpability on the part of the cities as well as with ADOT. Mr. Smith asked Mr. Anderson to add further comment pertaining to the request.

Mr. Anderson stated that the individual being considered for the position is a formal ADOT employee who established the local government section responsible for reviewing and approving the local government transportation projects funded with federal funds, in

particular such projects included Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ), paving dirt roads, pedestrian, and multi- use path projects. Mr. Anderson noted that the processes at ADOT are fairly complicated to navigate and that many member agencies, especially smaller jurisdictions, do not have the resources or time to understand them. He stated that the intent of the position is to assist the member agencies with ADOT and obligate their projects in an expedited manner, particularly air quality projects such as paving dirt roads. Mr. Anderson stated that MAG staff is not able to address currently this area due to workload demands and hoped that the addition of this position would implement a timely process.

Chair Manross asked if there were any other questions.

Mayor Schoaf expressed concerns regarding the demand for the position and that it could be possible that this could benefit individual cities who had projects. He added that he did not believe all members of MAG should pay for the position if they did not receive a direct benefit.

Chair Manross stated that she disagreed and that although the salary was \$80,000 for an initial six-months, that the position required specific criteria in terms of expertise and experience. She added that it was clear this type of assistance was needed at MAG. Chair Manross stated many communities in MAG would benefit from the assistance and noted her support.

Mr. Smith stated that the position requested was for a six month trial period. Chair Manross asked if it was to see if it was worthwhile. Mr. Smith stated yes.

Mayor Berman asked if the individual hired would be establishing procedures or facilitating projects.

Mr. Smith stated that the procedures currently exist. He noted that many of the cities are having difficulty understanding the process and submitting projects early enough to complete them. Mr. Smith stated that creating workshops and working closely with the cities to review the procedures may help them successfully obligate their projects.

Mr. Anderson stated that staff had initially thought of funding a position at ADOT to work on MAG specific projects. He noted that the federally funded program exceeds \$100 million and that the organization carried over approximately \$40 million in projects last year. Mr. Anderson stated that MAG can do a better job with additional resources because currently staff is fully committed and does not possess the expertise to assist the member agencies with this program.

Mayor Cavanaugh motioned to approve to amend the FY 2009 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget for a MAG Transportation Associate for \$80,000 and for a Human Services Planner I position.. Vice Mayor Neely seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-1, with Mayor Schoaf voting no.

Mr. Smith noted that MAG continues to experience difficulty filling an air quality position and will be looking to reclassify one of the positions and will issue an open procurement process.

4. River of Trade Corridor Coalition Membership

Chair Manross introduced Mr. Nathan Pryor, MAG Senior Policy Planner. Mr. Pryor stated that on May 14, 2007, the Executive Committee approved MAG's trial membership with the River of Trade Corridor Coalition (ROTCC). He noted that the membership did not include an associated fee but an obligation that MAG would host a quarterly meeting during the year. Mr. Pryor stated that MAG met this obligation and hosted a ROTCC meeting in conjunction with the Arizona Transportation Summit at the Wigwam Resort in May 2008. He stated that the summit was well attended with approximately 100 attendees including some ROTCC members. Mr. Pryor noted that MAG's current membership is expiring and may be considered for renewal.

Chair Manross asked what action was needed concerning this item.

Mr. Smith stated that last year MAG budgeted approximately \$7,000 to address costs associated with hosting a meeting for the ROTCC. He noted that staff was able to obtain sponsorship to address the costs incurred for this meeting. Mr. Smith stated that in addition to hosting a meeting for the ROTCC, former MAG Chair Cavanaugh had wanted to hold an Arizona Transportation Summit and therefore both events were combined. He added that there were no funds budgeted for this in this year's budget, but that it was not likely that MAG would be requested to host another ROTCC meeting this fiscal year. He noted that the ROTCC is influential nationally in the reauthorization effort for the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU). Mr. Smith also stated that MAG could decide whether or not to renew its membership and whether to host another transportation summit or a megapolitan conference in the coming year. He noted that a greater number of the ROTCC membership had been expected at the Arizona Transportation Summit. Mr. Smith asked Mr. Pryor how many ROTCC members had been projected to attend and how many were able to participate.

Mr. Pryor stated that the ROTCC had guaranteed 40 members to attend their meeting and their attendance resulted in approximately 20 members.

Chair Manross asked if that indicated whether their members were losing interest or whether the organization was viable.

Mr. Smith stated that it was unknown whether the economic climate had any effect on the turnout expected. He noted that as a result MAG had guaranteed more people than participated and would have been financially responsible if the sponsorship had not been able to cover those costs.

Vice Mayor Neely asked the benefit of membership to MAG after evaluating the ROTCC program.

Mr. Pryor stated that the membership provided MAG national exposure during the Transportation Summit which focused on statewide issues and an opportunity to connect with the national priorities of the ROTCC.

Vice Mayor Neely stated that she understood the summit was very well attended and that she believed there was a benefit on the state level to continue that effort. She added that the ROTCC meeting was not as well attended as the summit and therefore appeared to not reflect the same energy. She asked Mr. Pryor if he agreed with that assessment.

Mr. Pryor stated yes.

Vice Mayor Neely stated that the membership in the ROTCC over the past year was a pilot effort. She asked if the ROTCC could be joined by individual cities if there was an interest in participating rather than MAG as an entity?

Mr. Pryor stated that could be possible.

Vice Mayor Neely suggested that there appeared to be great interest and a benefit to a statewide effort. She asked whether individual cities might take the opportunity to evaluate if they would like to participate with the ROTCC.

Mayor Cavanaugh stated that his interest in hosting a transportation summit in Arizona resulted from his experience at the summit in Texas. He stated that it is important that the Phoenix area addresses the transportation issue. Mayor Cavanaugh added that he hoped in 10 years the Phoenix area would be competitive with Arlington to host a large scale transportation summit attracting experts from throughout the country. He noted that Interstate 10 (I-10) is the corridor of the ROTCC's initiative and needs to be acknowledged by the Phoenix area because of its logistical importance in the delivery of commerce and goods to and from Long Beach, California. Mayor Cavanaugh stated that there is value in being a partner with the ROTCC and that he has been impressed with the leadership. He did not anticipate MAG would be requested to host another meeting for several years and that there are no dues assessed. Mayor Cavanaugh expressed that due to Phoenix' logistical importance on the I-10 corridor and the importance of committing to moving transportation forward that the investment is minimal.

Chair Manross stated that it appeared worthwhile to stay connected with the organization.

Mayor Cavanaugh stated that as an individual city, Goodyear was not capable to host a meeting on behalf of the ROTCC and that MAG could. He stated that he would like to give the relationship another year or two and see what develops.

Chair Manross asked the Committee for other comments.

Mayor Hallman asked what the out of pocket cost would be to remain a member for the next year. Mr. Smith stated that there is no membership fee. He added that the membership includes agreeing to host a ROTCC meeting. Mr. Smith stated that the likelihood of that

request in the next 12 months is minimal. He expected that the ROTCC would call and request the leadership to attend certain functions about every quarter.

Mayor Hallman motioned to approve MAG remaining involved with the ROTCC on the condition that MAG would not host a meeting this year. Mayor Cavanaugh seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

5. Regional Office Center Update and Project Alternatives

Mr. Smith reviewed the Regional Office Center (ROC) project timeline. He noted that in March 2006 the MAG Regional Council approved the 1st Avenue and McKinley site and authorized MAG to enter into a lease to purchase contract. Mr. Smith stated that the project was reprocured due to concerns by one of the agencies. He stated that the project to co-locate the agencies is currently being considered at the 1st Avenue and McKinley site and two other alternative sites: 111 W. Monroe and 210 E. Earll. Mr. Smith stated that the agencies reorganized the working group and included the board chairs from the three partnering agencies, MAG, the Regional Public Transportation Agency (RPTA), and Valley Metro Rail (METRO), and the Arizona Municipal Water Users Association (AMWUA). He stated that at the June 23, 2008 Regional Office Center Working Group meeting, the consensus of the working group was to take the 210 E. Earll location back to each agency board for further consideration. At that time METRO indicated that as a rail agency, the organization preferred a site on the light rail line and expressed concerns regarding conditions of their current lease situation. On July 16, 2008, the METRO board elected to not participate in a ROC at the 210 E Earll building at this time, and requested staff to provide additional information pertaining to the two other site alternatives for future review. On July 17, 2008, the RPTA board voted to further explore and consider the 210 E. Earll building as a possible site for a ROC with MAG, METRO and AMWUA. Mr. Smith noted that the Phoenix City Council recommended supporting a downtown location for the building and the Earll location is not considered a downtown location. He stated that relocating to the Earll location would not include an exemption from the Government Property Lease Excise Tax (GPLET). Mr. Smith added that staff had prepared a comparative and financial update which may be appropriate to discuss in an executive session if the Committee wished to do so.

Chair Manross thanked Mr. Smith for the update. She noted there was one public comment card for this item. Chair Manross introduced Ms. Susan Siggy.

Ms. Siggy, Managing Principal, Broadreach Capital Partners, discussed a proposal pertaining to the Grace Court property at 7th Avenue and Van Buren as a possible location for MAG. She noted various advantages of the Grace Court site and asked the Committee to consider the site as locations for MAG were developed. Ms. Siggy stated that Grace Court is a ten-acre campus and a flexible location to locate MAG or additional entities. She noted that the buildings are new-build and in shell condition that could be built out at the developer's cost and according to the tenant's specifications. Ms. Siggy added that there is an abundance of parking onsite and is near light rail. She noted that the developer would be willing to develop and operate a green shuttle to and from the light rail stop should it be desirable to the tenant. Ms. Siggy discussed the economic advantages of leasing or purchasing depending

on the number of buildings occupied. She also noted the approximate net present value and savings for occupying the existing facilities versus building a new building. Ms. Siggy stated that she had copies of her proposal available for distribution.

Chair Manross asked if there were any questions.

Vice Mayor Neely requested a copy of the proposal.

Mayor Cavanaugh asked how much would be permitted for tenant improvements (TI). Ms. Lillian Kud, Broadreach Capital Partners, stated that the developer was very flexible. She noted that the average TI is approximately \$40 per square foot. Ms. Kud added that the developer could build out the space needs as identified in the proposal.

Ms. Kimbrough asked how long of a lease would be required to acquire the \$40 per square foot for the TI. Mr. Kevin Callighan, C.B. Richard Ellis, stated there was flexibility. He noted possibly more than five but less than ten years.

Ms. Chávez asked the current status of the parking garage and how many spaces were available. Ms. Siggy stated that the garage was currently under construction and included approximately 808 parking spaces, in addition to 188 surface parking spaces. She noted that the parking ratio is 3.3 spaces per 1,000 square feet which exceeds most downtown parking ratios and the number of spaces would depend on the square footage occupied.

Chair Manross thanked Ms. Siggy for the information and her comments. She stated that MAG had worked diligently on this effort for a long time. Chair Manross asked the Committee if they had any questions for staff or if it was time to move forward and possibly go into executive session.

Vice Mayor Neely stated that she would like to talk about where various processes were regarding the 1st Avenue and McKinley site and stated that it warranted going into executive session.

Vice Mayor Neely moved to adjourn the Executive Committee meeting and go into executive session. Mayor Cavanaugh seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Chair Manross recessed the Executive Committee meeting at 12:35 p.m. for the purpose of going into executive session.

Chair Manross reconvened the Executive Committee at 12:54 p.m.

Vice Mayor Neely stated that now is the time for MAG to consider taking care of itself. She made a motion to direct staff to do the following: 1) Negotiate an approximate two and a half year extension of the current lease at the 302 N. 1st Avenue building, including the available space on the 1st floor of the building, with the lease including favorable early termination provisions that will allow MAG to pursue other long term rent-to-own, rent or own/build options in the downtown corridor; 2) Terminate the Memorandum of Cooperation and

appropriate agreements at 1st Avenue and McKinley. Mayor Lopez Rogers seconded the motion.

Ms. Bisman asked for clarification regarding dealing with the agreements.

Vice Mayor Neely stated that they would be terminated now that MAG would be moving forward as a sole entity.

Mayor Schoaf asked to what geographical area the downtown corridor referred.

Mr. Smith noted that the designated area was 7th Street to 7th Avenue from McDowell to Lincoln.

Vice Mayor Neely noted that was her intention but was flexible if the Committee wanted to broaden the boundary a little.

Mayor Schoaf suggested that more flexibility be given to staff to possibly consider a possible joint building with the League of Arizona Cities and Towns by the State Capitol.

Chair Manross requested Vice Mayor Neely if she wanted to consider removing words from her previous motion to avoid restriction. She suggested inserting downtown governmental corridor.

Vice Mayor Neely stated she was willing to amend her motion to reflect the new language noting that MAG would no longer be connected with a particular site.

Chair Manross called for a vote.

Vice Mayor Neely questioned whether staff was clear regarding the direction requested.

Ms. Chávez requested from the Chair if it was possible have the motion restated.

Vice Mayor Neely made a motion to direct staff to do the following: 1) Negotiate an approximate two and a half year extension of the current lease at the 302 N. 1st Avenue building, including the available space on the 1st floor of the building, with the lease including favorable early termination provisions that will allow MAG to pursue other long term rent-to-own, rent or own options in the downtown government corridor not specifying any specific property; 2) Terminate the Memorandum of Cooperation and appropriate agreements at 1st Avenue and McKinley.

Ms. Chávez requested clarification of the own provision and whether it included a build option.

Vice Mayor Neely stated yes.

Chair Manross added that every option would be considered.

Chair Manross called for a vote on the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Vice Mayor Neely stated that she wanted to publicly recognize that MAG staff had done outstanding job managing the project effort. She stated that the motion was not a reflection of performance from staff. Vice Mayor Neely noted that the Committee should commend staff for an outstanding effort to co-locate the agencies.

Chair Manross agreed with Vice Mayor Neely. She stated that this was a learning experience and that an up front commitment needs to be secured. Chair Manross stated she had supported the vision for the project. She thanked staff and noted that MAG will move ahead on its own endeavor.

Mr. Smith asked whether an August meeting was needed. He noted that Management Committee and the Transportation Policy Committee August meetings had been canceled and he expected Regional Council to also be canceled.

Chair Manross stated that there would be no August meeting of the MAG Executive Committee.

Chair Manross called for a motion to adjourn. Mayor Hallman made a motion to adjourn. Mayor Berman seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

7. Adjournment

There being no further business, the Executive Committee adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

Chair

Secretary

MARICOPA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS INFORMATION SUMMARY... for your review

DATE:

September 9, 2008

SUBJECT:

Consultant Selection for MAG Transportation Database GIS System Phase II

SUMMARY:

The FY 2008 MAG Unified Planning Work Program, approved by the MAG Regional Council in May 2007, includes the development of the second phase of the MAG Transportation Database Geographic Information System (GIS-T) with a corresponding budget not to be exceeded of \$250,000. MAG has completed the first phase of the development in 2007. Phase II of the MAG Transportation Database GIS System development is aimed at addressing issues and improvements identified through the utilization of the Phase I deliverables and completion of the implementation and development tasks scheduled for the second phase of the project. The main goals and deliverables of the project include:

- Increase efficiency of the regional transportation planning business process through automation of transportation data management and transportation modeling tasks, including completion and implementation of the multi-year transportation master network.
- Improve transportation data accessibility and facilitate data analysis by streamlining data exchange processes and development of visualization tools for transportation programming and transportation modeling purposes, including development and implementation of the web-based data visualization, data entry and data analysis interfaces.
- Improve transportation data quality assurance and quality control procedures through system designs and GIS-based software solutions that ensure data consistency and on-going data validation.

The request for proposals (RFP) for Transportation Database GIS System Phase II was advertised on May 15, 2008. Proposals were received from the following eight consulting firms: AMEC Earth & Environmental Inc., Caliper Corporation, Data Transfer Solutions LLC, Jacobs Engineering Group Inc., Midwestern Software Solutions LLC, RBF Consulting Inc., Rick Engineering Company Inc., and Wilbur Smith Associates Inc.

An eleven member multi-agency evaluation team reviewed and ranked the proposals. The evaluation team included representatives from the Arizona Department of Transportation, the City of Glendale, the City of Phoenix, the City of Tempe, the Maricopa County Department of Transportation, Valley Metro, Valley Metro Rail, and MAG. The evaluation team reviewed the proposals and recommended four consulting teams for interviews: Caliper Corporation, Jacobs Engineering Group Inc., Midwestern Software Solutions LLC, and Wilbur Smith Associates Inc. The evaluation team interviewed the proposers on August 12, 2008 and recommended to MAG that Midwestern Software Solutions be selected to conduct the project in an amount not to exceed \$250,000; if negotiations with Midwestern Software Solutions are not successful, that MAG negotiate with the evaluation team's second choice, Jacobs Engineering Group Inc., to conduct the project.

PUBLIC INPUT:

No public input was received.

PROS & CONS:

PROS: This project will enable MAG to implement a GIS-T that will provide for a better integration of transportation modeling, transportation planning and programming business processes and substantially improve efficiency of transportation planning processes at MAG and MAG member agencies.

CONS: Delaying the above work element could compromise efficiency of the transportation modeling work required for ongoing and future highway and transit projects.

TECHNICAL & POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

TECHNICAL: This project will provide for an increased reliability of transportation networks data, better integration of MAG business processes and increased data consistency.

POLICY: Improvements in reliability and accessibility of transportation network data and data integration in a single GIS-based data warehouse will improve quality of transportation forecasts and facilitate planning decisions.

ACTION NEEDED:

Approval that Midwestern Software Solutions be selected to conduct the MAG Transportation Database GIS System Phase II development for an amount not to exceed \$250,000; If negotiations with Midwestern Software Solutions are not successful, that MAG negotiate with the evaluation team second choice, Jacobs Engineering Group Inc., to conduct the project.

PRIOR COMMITTEE ACTIONS:

Management Committee: This item is on the September 10, 2008, Management Committee agenda. An update will be provided on action taken by the committee.

On August 12, 2008, the proposal evaluation team interviewed the four firms and recommended to MAG the selection of Midwestern Software Solutions to conduct the study in an amount not to exceed \$250,000; if negotiations with Midwestern Software Solutions are not successful, that MAG negotiate with the evaluation team's second choice, Jacobs Engineering Group Inc., to conduct the project.

PROPOSAL EVALUATION TEAM

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MARICOPA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS INFORMATION SUMMARY... for your review

DATE:

September 9, 2008

SUBJECT:

Application Process for U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Stuart B. McKinney Funds for Homeless Assistance Programs

SUMMARY:

On December 8, 1999, the MAG Regional Council approved MAG becoming the responsible entity for a year-round homeless planning process which includes submittal of the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Stuart B. McKinney Continuum of Care Consolidated Application for the MAG region. The Continuum of Care grant supports permanent and transitional housing as well as supportive services. A total of \$147 million has been awarded to the region since 1999. Last year, the region received more than \$21 million for 48 homeless service providers. It is anticipated that the region will be awarded comparably in 2008.

More than 50 homeless assistance applications were submitted to MAG on August 29, 2008. The Ranking and Review Committee is anticipated to make its recommendation for the new projects on September 15, 2008. The recommendation will be presented to the MAG Executive Committee for information and discussion on September 15, 2008. Approval of the final application is anticipated at the September 22, 2008, MAG Continuum of Care Regional Committee on Homelessness meeting. The final project list will be presented to the MAG Regional Council on September 24, 2008, for information. The final application will be submitted electronically to HUD on September 25, 2008.

There are two changes in the application process this year. In addition to the renewal projects, there are two opportunities for new funding this year that could bring more than \$3.3 million in permanent supportive housing for chronically homeless individuals and for the rapid re-housing of homeless families. The Samaritan Housing Initiative is designed to develop permanent supportive housing to serve exclusively chronically homeless individuals, as defined by HUD. The MAG Continuum of Care is eligible for \$1.3 million under the Samaritan Housing Initiative and those funds can be divided between multiple projects. In addition, the Rapid Re-Housing for Families Demonstration Project is a new three year demonstration program that will provide leasing assistance to households with dependent children who are coming from the streets or emergency shelter. This Continuum is eligible for \$2 million under the Rapid Re-Housing project to provide funding for eligible leasing, supportive services, and administration.

The second change is in the way the applications will be evaluated. In the past, Valley of the Sun United Way has hosted the Ranking and Review Committee responsible for evaluating all applications. At the direction of HUD this year, the committee will only review new applications. MAG staff will evaluate the renewal applications and provide technical assistance to any agencies who are not performing up to HUD's standards.

PUBLIC INPUT:

The development of action steps, and the measurement of goal achievement is based on public input from consumers, providers of services, and local and state governmental representatives. Community stakeholders, including homeless service providers, public officials, non profit representatives, and interested members of the public, are involved in the gaps analysis process which is done each year to determine the unmet need of emergency shelter beds, transitional housing beds, and permanent

supportive housing beds. The gaps analysis meeting is being held on August 18, 2008, and the results will be submitted in the consolidated application to HUD. The process of the local application was reviewed at the MAG Continuum of Care Regional Committee on Homelessness meeting on June 16, 2008. An opportunity for public input was offered but not received at this meeting.

PROS & CONS:

PROS: A coordinated application and planning process is required by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to maximize competitiveness for the federal Stuart B. McKinney Act funds. The MAG Continuum of Care Regional Committee on Homelessness facilitates the year-round planning process in the region. Because of the regional planning entity, there has been consensus about the homeless planning priorities and action steps in the Valley and cooperation with information needed for the federal grant. This approach emphasizes the need for collaboration among public and private agencies to ensure that individuals and families who are homeless are assisted in moving from homelessness to permanent housing and greater self-sufficiency. Since 1994, all applicants for funding from these programs have been required to demonstrate that their programs play an integral role in their community's Continuum of Care.

CONS: The application and year round planning process takes a significant amount of staff time to coordinate. If this region did not submit this grant through the existing MAG Continuum of Care process, however, potentially the funding for the region could be lost in perpetuity. Up to 20 percent of Continuum of Care nationally are defunded each year as the process becomes more competitive. This makes it even more imperative to invest the staff time to ensure this application remains as competitive as possible in order to retain funding.

TECHNICAL & POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

TECHNICAL: The federal application process requires a tremendous amount of staff time to develop the community consensus and to gather the information requested by HUD. This task is complicated by the lack of a consistent data based on needs, services provided and funds expended. The community has identified the need to develop more complete homeless data for future applications. The Maricopa Homeless Management Information System (HMIS), implemented in February of 2003, was used to collect data for the 2008 homeless shelter count and will continue to be utilized in other areas to assist in the collection of system wide data of homeless programs.

POLICY: The MAG Continuum of Care Regional Committee on Homelessness was created at the request of HUD and with the approval of the MAG Regional Council. This policy level council is composed of a variety of representatives, including elected officials, representatives of the Governor's Office, several state legislators, several funding agencies, service providers, HUD, the religious community, advocates and consumers. This is a broad-based community committee that has agreed to take the responsibility for homeless planning and to ensure that a regional grant application is submitted each year. The Committee has been an effective method to discuss and move forward with regional solutions addressing homelessness.

ACTION NEEDED:

Information.

PRIOR COMMITTEE ACTIONS:

Management Committee: This item is on the September 10, 2008, Management Committee agenda. An update will be provided on action taken by the committee.

The Continuum of Care Regional Committee on Homelessness reviewed the planning process and 2008 HUD application weights at the June 16, 2008, meeting. The Committee voted to approve the local evaluation criteria for the 2008 HUD application process.

MEMBERS ATTENDING:

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| <p>Greg Stanton, Councilmember of Phoenix,
Chair
Robert Duvall for Roberto Armijo, Community
Information & Referral Services
David Barnhouse, Governor's Office
Tony Johnson for Brad Bridwell, US Vets
* Kathryn Brown, AZ Dept of Corrections
* Kendra Cea, APS
Trinity Donovan, Valley of the Sun United Way
Erik Strunk for Steve Frate, City of Glendale,
Councilmember
* Arjelia Gomez, Chicanos Por La Causa
Theresa James, City of Tempe
Deanna Jonovich, City of Phoenix
Don Keuth, Phoenix Community Alliance,
Co-Vice Chair
* Stephanie Knox, Magellan Health
Mark Ludwig, AZ Department of Housing
* Dan Lundberg, City of Surprise</p> | <p>* Nick Margiotta, Phoenix Police Department
* Carrie Mascaro, Catholic Charities
Mark Holleran for Mike McQuaid, HSC
Linda Mushkatel, Maricopa County
* Gina Ramos-Montes, City of Avondale
Gary Zeck for Darlene Newsom, United
Methodist Outreach Ministries
Joanne Osborne, Councilmember of Goodyear
* Brenda Robbins, AZ Dept of Health Services
Laura Skotnicki, Save the Family
Jacki Taylor, ACEH
* Margaret Trujillo, MG Trujillo Associates
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HUD Stuart B. McKinney Application Applicant Listings August 29, 2008

Applicant	Project Sponsor	Project Name	Project Type	New/ Renewal	Funding Request
Area Agency on Aging Region One	Area Agency on Aging Region One	HIV Case Management at Scattered Sites	Permanent Housing	Renewal	\$126,575
Area Agency on Aging Region One	Area Agency on Aging Region One	HIV Case Management at Stepping Stone	Permanent Housing	Renewal	\$60,735
Area Agency on Aging Region One	Area Agency on Aging Region One	HIV Case Management at Congregate Living Houses	Permanent Housing	Renewal	\$63,064
Arizona Behavioral Health Corporation	Arizona Behavioral Health Corporation	PSH 2009	Permanent Housing	New	\$1,393,358
Arizona Behavioral Health Corporation	Arizona Behavioral Health Corporation	PSH3106	Permanent Housing	Renewal	\$685,755
Arizona Behavioral Health Corporation	Arizona Behavioral Health Corporation	Casa de Paz	Permanent Housing	Renewal	\$373,993
Arizona Behavioral Health Corporation	Arizona Behavioral Health Corporation	HUD 3084	Permanent Housing	Renewal	\$938,788
Arizona Behavioral Health Corporation	Arizona Behavioral Health Corporation	HUD 3024	Permanent Housing	Renewal	\$499,972
Arizona Behavioral Health Corporation	Arizona Behavioral Health Corporation	Village	Permanent Housing	Renewal	\$1,735,423
Arizona Behavioral Health Corporation	Arizona Behavioral Health Corporation	Casa Mia	Permanent Housing	Renewal	\$687,028
Arizona Behavioral Health Corporation	Arizona Department of Housing	Shelter Plus Care 293	Shelter Plus Care	Renewal	\$2,824,704
Arizona Behavioral Health Corporation	Arizona Department of Housing	Shelter Plus Care 151	Shelter Plus Care	Renewal	\$1,450,560
Arizona Behavioral Health Corporation	Arizona Department of Housing	Shelter Plus Care 189	Shelter Plus Care	Renewal	\$1,830,336
Arizona Behavioral Health Corporation	Arizona Housing Inc.	Phoenix Shanti Supportive Housing Program	Permanent Housing	Renewal	\$70,456
Arizona Behavioral Health Corporation	House of Refuge East	House of Refuge East	Transitional Housing	Renewal	\$903,424
Arizona Behavioral Health Corporation	Nova Safe Haven	Nova Safe Haven	Safe Haven	Renewal	\$1,114,796
Arizona Behavioral Health Corporation	Southwest Behavioral Health Corporation	Permanent Housing for Persons with HIV/AIDS	Permanent Housing	Renewal	\$20,775
Arizona Behavioral Health Corporation	Southwest Behavioral Health Corporation	Brookside	Permanent Housing	Renewal	\$202,031
Arizona Housing Inc.	Arizona Housing Inc.	Vista Commons	Permanent Housing	New	\$523,810
Arizona Housing Inc.	Arizona Housing Inc.	Horace Steele Commons	Permanent Housing	Renewal	\$58,025

Applicant	Project Sponsor	Project Name	Project Type	New/ Renewal	Funding Request
Arizona Housing Inc.	Arizona Housing Inc.	Steele Commons	Permanent Housing	Renewal	\$78,663
Catholic Charities	Catholic Charities	El Mirage/Surprise Transitional Housing	Transitional Housing	Renewal	\$24,039
Chicanos Por La Causa	Chicanos Por La Causa	DeColores Domestic Violence Shelter	Transitional Housing	Renewal	\$101,737
Chrysalis Shelter for Victims of Domestic Violence	Chrysalis Shelter for Victims of Domestic Violence	Chrysalis Transitional Shelter Program	Transitional Housing	Renewal	\$24,269
Community Bridges	Community Bridges	Center for Hope	Transitional Housing	Renewal	\$344,610
Community Information and Referral	Community Information and Referral	CONTACS Shelter Hotline	Supportive Services Only	Renewal	\$176,753
Community Information and Referral	Community Information and Referral	HMIS	HMIS	Renewal	\$400,921
HomeBase Youth Services	HomeBase Youth Services	Transitional Living Program	Transitional Housing	Renewal	\$333,371
Homeward Bound	Homeward Bound	Thunderbirds Family Village	Transitional Housing	Renewal	\$313,761
Homeward Bound	Homeward Bound	Scattered Sites	Transitional Housing	Renewal	\$26,250
Labor's Community Service Agency	Labor's Community Service Agency	Transitional Housing	Transitional Housing	Renewal	\$279,594
Mesa Community Action Network	Mesa Community Action Network	East Valley Men's Center	Transitional Housing	Renewal	\$58,878
National Advocacy and Training Network	National Advocacy and Training Network	Support, Education, Empowerment and Direction	Permanent Housing	New	\$514,497
Native American Connections	Native American Connections	Sunrise Circle	Permanent Housing	Renewal	\$35,000
Native American Connections	Native American Connections	Stepping Stone	Permanent Housing	Renewal	\$91,043
Native American Connections	Native American Connections	Catherine Arms	Permanent Housing	Renewal	\$163,178
Phoenix Shanti	Phoenix Shanti	Self-Determination Project	Supportive Services Only	Renewal	\$34,600
Prehab of Arizona	Prehab of Arizona	Faith House Transition Program	Transitional Housing	Renewal	\$510,688
Recovery Innovations of Arizona	Recovery Innovations of Arizona	Another Chance	Permanent Housing	Renewal	\$971,972
Save the Family	Save the Family	Transitional Housing and Supportive Services	Transitional Housing	Renewal	\$211,412
Save the Family	Save the Family	Transitional Housing for Victims of Domestic Violence	Transitional Housing	Renewal	\$411,726
Sojourner Center	Sojourner Center	Transitional Housing and Supportive Services for Victims of Domestic Violence	Transitional Housing	Renewal	\$417,763

Applicant	Project Sponsor	Project Name	Project Type	New/ Renewal	Funding Request
Southwest Behavioral Health Services	Southwest Behavioral Health Corporation	Homeless Haven	Transitional Housing	Renewal	\$205,977
The Salvation Army	The Salvation Army	Project Hope	Supportive Services Only	Renewal	\$73,080
The Salvation Army	The Salvation Army	Kaiser Family Center	Supportive Services Only	Renewal	\$45,360
Tumbleweed Center for Youth Development	Tumbleweed Center for Youth Development	Transitional Housing Continuum for Homeless Youth	Transitional Housing	Renewal	\$437,698
Tumbleweed Center for Youth Development	Tumbleweed Center for Youth Development	Tempe Youth Resource Center	Supportive Services Only	Renewal	\$214,429
Tumbleweed Center for Youth Development	Tumbleweed Center for Youth Development	Pappas Place Drop In Center	Supportive Services Only	Renewal	\$318,730
U.S. Veterans Initiative	U.S. Veterans Initiative	AZ Veterans in Progress	Transitional Housing	Renewal	\$496,557
UMOM New Day Center	UMOM New Day Center	Next Step Housing	Transitional Housing	New	\$1,985,571
UMOM New Day Center	UMOM New Day Center	Nurture Care	Supportive Services Only	Renewal	\$187,584
UMOM New Day Center	UMOM New Day Center	Lampighter	Permanent Housing	Renewal	\$80,126
Women In New Recovery	Women In New Recovery	WINR Achievers	Permanent Housing	Renewal	\$46,862
YWCA of Maricopa County	YWCA of Maricopa County	Haven House	Transitional Housing	Renewal	\$201,671

Total Renewal Projects Requested

\$20,763,071

Total New Funding Available

\$3,394,970

MARICOPA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS INFORMATION SUMMARY... for your review

DATE:

September 9, 2008

SUBJECT:

MAG Regional Transit Framework Study

SUMMARY:

Earlier this year, MAG, in cooperation with Valley Metro/RPTA and Valley Metro Rail (METRO), initiated a Regional Transit Framework Study. The study will identify regional transit needs beyond what is currently funded through the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP). The study will also help establish a regional transit vision for 2050, with more detailed project descriptions for year 2030. It is anticipated that a draft Regional Transit Framework Study will be available in January 2009.

Key study elements include the following:

- A public involvement component to identify the public's perceptions and desires for transit.
- A detailed analysis of the existing transit system and planned improvements, population and densities, and regional travel patterns.
- An in-depth review of transit systems in six peer regions, including Atlanta, Dallas, Denver, Salt Lake City, San Diego, and Seattle.
- Development of three implementation scenarios to illustrate the anticipated impacts of various investment levels.

Please refer to the attached Study Overview for additional project information.

PUBLIC INPUT:

The public will have several opportunities for input throughout the study process. The first of three rounds of public meetings was held in June and July, with meetings taking place in Glendale, Gilbert, Phoenix, and Queen Creek. In addition, the study team has conducted seven focus group meetings, two with transit riders, two with transit non-riders, and three with representatives from the disability community. The study team has also conducted a survey of transit non-riders to gauge their perceptions of public transportation. Information is also being disseminated to the public through project fact sheets and a project website located at www.bqaz.org.

PROS & CONS:

PROS: This process will establish a regional framework for implementing future transit services throughout the MAG region.

CONS: There is currently no regional funding available to implement transit system improvements beyond those projects identified in the RTP.

TECHNICAL & POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

TECHNICAL: The resulting framework study will provide a technical basis for evaluating and prioritizing future transit projects and programs.

POLICY: The Regional Transit Framework Study Commuter Rail Strategic Plan will provide decision-makers with a comprehensive perspective on the costs, schedules, tradeoffs, impacts, and policy implications of various transit improvement options.

ACTION NEEDED:

Information and discussion.

PRIOR COMMITTEE ACTIONS:

Management Committee: This item is on the September 10, 2008, Management Committee agenda for information and discussion.

The Transportation Review Committee discussed the Regional Transit Framework Study at its August 28, 2008, meeting.

MEMBERS ATTENDING

Phoenix: Tom Callow	Maricopa County: John Hauskins
ADOT: Kwi-Sung Kang for Floyd Roehrich	Mesa: Mike James for Scott Butler
Avondale: David Fitzhugh	Paradise Valley: Robert M. Cicarelli
*Buckeye: Scott Lowe	Peoria: David Moody
*Chandler: Patrice Kraus	*Queen Creek: Mark Young
El Mirage: Lance Calvert	RPTA: Bob Antilla for Bryan Jungwirth
Fountain Hills: Randy Harrel	Scottsdale: Dave Meinhardt for Mary O'Connor
*Gila Bend: Vacant	Surprise: Randy Overmyer
*Gila River: David White	Tempe: Carlos de Leon
*Gilbert: Tami Ryall	Valley Metro Rail: John Farry
Glendale: Bob Darr for Terry Johnson	#Wickenburg: Gary Edwards
Goodyear: Cato Esquivel	Youngtown: Mark Hannah for Lloyce Robinson
Guadalupe: Jim Ricker	
Litchfield Park: Mike Cartsonis	

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS ATTENDING

Regional Bicycle Task Force: Jim Hash, City of Mesa	Pedestrian Working Group: Brandon Forrey, City of Peoria
*Street Committee: Darryl Crossman, City of Litchfield Park	*Transportation Safety Committee: Kerry Wilcoxon, City of Phoenix
ITS Committee: Mike Mah	
* Members neither present nor represented by proxy.	+ - Attended by Videoconference
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STUDY OVERVIEW

June 2008

MAG Regional Transit Framework Study



BACKGROUND & PURPOSE

Nearly 700,000 new residents were added to Maricopa County between 2000 and 2006. The U.S. Census Bureau estimates the total county population to be approximately 3.8 million people today. Regional forecasts for growth indicate that Maricopa County may be home to 6.1 million residents by 2030. Despite a funded Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) and efforts by local communities, additional dedicated public transit funding will be required to keep up with growth as significant development is predicted on the edge of the urban area and beyond, where limited or no transit services are currently planned. An approach with consideration to all modes of transportation, including public transit, is essential to address the region's growing transportation demand.

The Maricopa Association of Government's Regional Transit Framework Study (RTFS) will identify and prioritize future transit needs for the entire region. The same concerns for meeting future travel demand are shared by communities throughout the state. To address the issue on a statewide level, a number of other framework studies are currently being undertaken in other areas of the state. All of the regional framework studies will serve as input into a comprehensive statewide multi-modal transportation planning framework. This coordinated planning framework process is known as Building a Quality Arizona.

REGIONAL TRANSIT PLANNING

The MAG Regional Transit Framework Study will provide a needs-based planning process for identifying and prioritizing regional transit improvements that will supplement the existing RTP through year 2030, with consideration for even longer-range transportation needs through year 2050. The planning process will include a technical approach to identifying future travel demand and travel markets through an analysis of future growth patterns. Specific markets will be identified through a technical evaluation of high-demand travel markets and through an understanding of customer (traveler) preference and behavior.

The technical analyses of land use, socioeconomic conditions, existing and planned transit service, and infrastructure, along with the stated customer preference attributes will identify public transit needs, deficiencies, opportunities and constraints within the region. Following the completion of the technical analysis, transit service and transit capital/infrastructure recommendations will be developed to address the travel demand needs identified through the analysis process.

PROJECT DEVELOPMENT PROCESS

A three-phase process lasting approximately one year is being undertaken to complete the MAG Regional Transit Framework Study in a schedule consistent with the statewide framework planning effort. The phases include:

Phase I: *Discovery & Problem Definition*

Current and future regional travel patterns, travel markets, population growth and employment growth will be analyzed, while research will be completed to identify what other regions, similar to the Maricopa County region, have done or are doing to address their regional transit challenges. At the end of Phase I, the most significant regional transit issues facing the study area will be defined.

Phase II: *Alternatives Development & Analysis*

Alternative transit scenarios that address the regional transit deficiencies, constraints and opportunities defined in Phase I will be developed and tested during Phase II. Cost projections for the alternative scenarios will be prepared for purposes of comparing each scenario and prioritizing the transit service and capital infrastructure elements included in each scenario.

Phase III: *Study Recommendations*

The characteristics and financial element of each alternative transit scenario will be refined during the final phase of the planning process to develop a final study recommendation.

PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT PROCESS

Providing opportunities for meaningful public input from a broad range of citizenry and developing a public understanding of the Regional Transit Framework Study are the primary goals of the public involvement process. Citizens will be engaged in the planning process through multiple activities including focus groups, telephone surveys, open house meetings and targeted events.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

About the study or how to get involved,
visit **bqaz.org** and select
“*MAG Regional Transit Framework Study*”

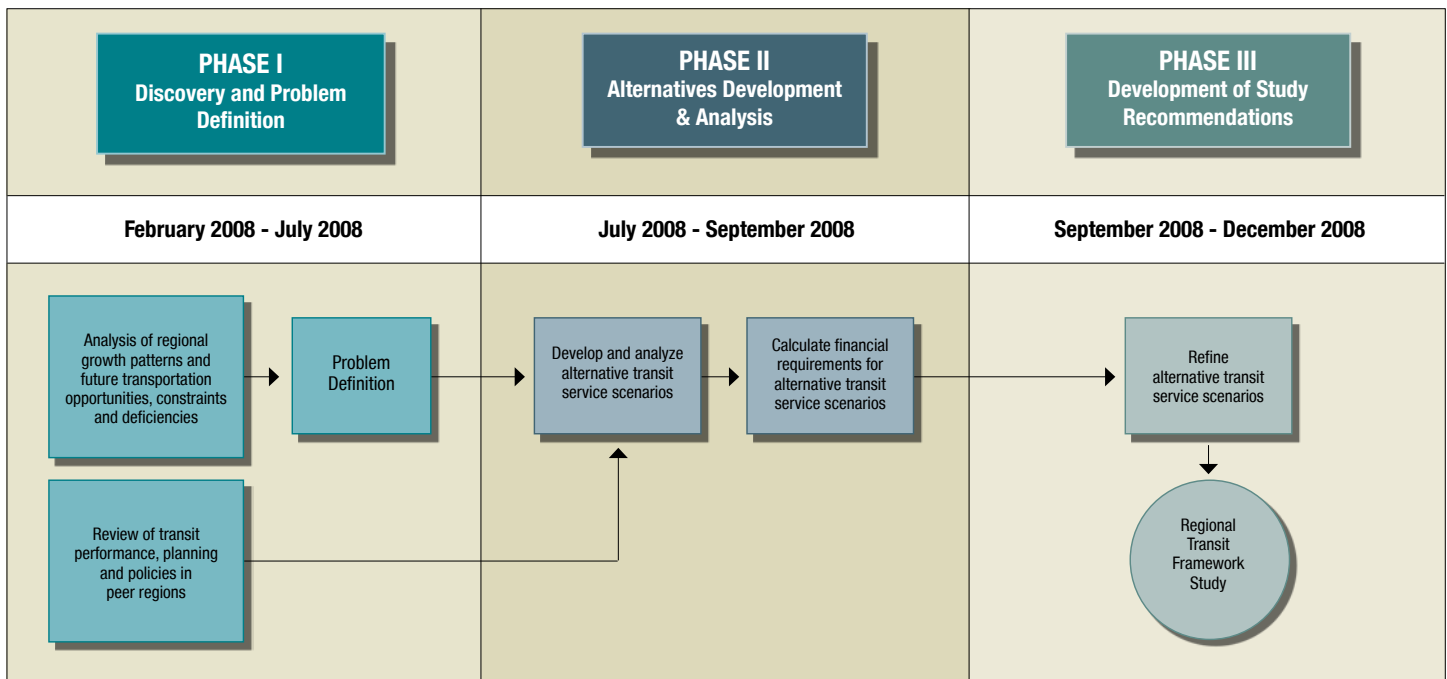
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PROJECT DEVELOPMENT PROCESS CHART



MARICOPA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS INFORMATION SUMMARY... for your review

DATE:

September 9, 2008

SUBJECT:

Census 2010 Update

SUMMARY:

April 1, 2010, is Census Day. With the Census only about a year and a half away, it is important for member agencies to begin preparations to ensure an accurate count. The results of the decennial Census affect the apportionment of congressional seats, and how the federal government allocates \$300 billion in federal assistance annually to state, local and tribal governments.

The MAG Population Technical Advisory Committee (POPTAC) will perform the role of coordination for the 2010 Census. This transmittal provides an update on Census 2010, especially the importance for individual jurisdictions to form a Census 2010 Complete Count Committee (CCC), identify funding and resources for a Census 2010 media/outreach campaign, and the technical geography programs.

At the May 2008 MAG POPTAC meeting, Census Bureau staff gave a presentation titled, "The Road to the 2010 Census." This presentation signaled the beginning of a concentrated outreach campaign to partner with local officials, community leaders and businesses to ensure an accurate count of the population in 2010. As part of the presentation, Census Bureau staff encouraged each member agency to create a Community Complete Count Committee to increase the questionnaire mail-back response rate. The Census Bureau also encouraged each member agency to create a proclamation that sends the community the message that community leaders and officials support and understand the importance of the 2010 Census. At the July 2008 MAG POPTAC meeting, sample Census 2000 proclamations were distributed to member agencies.

For Census 2000, the City of Phoenix coordinated the census advertising for print and broadcast media organizations, while MAG member agencies assisted with funding. The City of Phoenix has agreed to take the lead for the Census 2010 media and outreach campaign and anticipates asking member agencies for financial support. Member agencies are encouraged to begin discussions about budgeting for Census 2010 and the resources needed for a Complete Count Committee within each jurisdiction. Early planning for the decennial Census is necessary to be effective.

The MAG POPTAC has been working on the technical geography programs to prepare for Census 2010. To date, these programs have included the Boundary and Annexation Survey and the Local Update of Census Addresses. Currently, POPTAC is concentrating on the Participant Statistical Areas Program (PSAP) in order to review and suggest modifications to the boundaries for block groups and census tracts that will frame all of the 2010 Census tabulations, and will be used for the American Community Survey beyond 2010.

PUBLIC INPUT:

No public input has been received.

PROS & CONS:

PROS: Effective outreach and technical support by the Census Bureau and MAG member agencies will help ensure a good response rate to the Census questionnaire. Also, it creates thousands of temporary jobs for Maricopa County residents.

CONS: Preparations for Census 2010 could be time consuming and resource intensive.

TECHNICAL & POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

TECHNICAL: Participation in the technical geography programs leading up to the 2010 Census is critical to obtaining an accurate count for each jurisdiction.

POLICY: The 2010 population counts will be used to distribute \$300 billion in federal assistance annually to state, local and tribal governments for critical community services.

ACTION NEEDED:

Information and discussion.

PRIOR COMMITTEE ACTIONS:

Management Committee: This item is on the September 10, 2008, Management Committee agenda for information and discussion.

There have been many activities at the MAG POPTAC, but nothing has required committee action.

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MARICOPA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS INFORMATION SUMMARY... for your review

DATE:

September 9, 2008

SUBJECT:

Best Practices in Sustainability

SUMMARY:

In the past several months, MAG member agencies have been addressing the issue of sustainability in their planning and operations. The Brundtland Commission coined the most often used definition of sustainable development as, "development that meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs." Sustainability applies to not only the environment but also the economy and the community. With this region's fast population growth it is important to consider the impact of our growth on the next generation's health and prosperity. To share the best practices regarding sustainability among the MAG member agencies, the possibility of forming a stakeholders group and developing a best practices report has been discussed. Discussion and possible support of this effort by the Executive Committee is requested.

PUBLIC INPUT:

No public input has been received.

PROS & CONS:

PROS: One centralized resource that highlights best practices in sustainability in the MAG region.

CONS: Sustainability is a broad topic and is often a misunderstood word. It is a complex process that is difficult to achieve. It will require creativity, innovation, and enthusiasm to create a task force and a report on sustainability.

TECHNICAL & POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

TECHNICAL: Participation from MAG member agencies.

POLICY: The philosophy of sustainable development/growth may not be the same for all member agencies.

ACTION NEEDED:

Information, discussion and possible support for MAG forming a Sustainability Stakeholders Group to discuss best practices and develop a report to share the results.

PRIOR COMMITTEE ACTIONS:

None.

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